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1. Construction of the Zvolen military airfield commenced in 1952 and the field was opened to traffic in September of that year. This field is located not far from the Tri Duby military and civilian airfield.
2. The Zvolen airfield lies to the east of the city of Zvolen, close to the Zvolen-Lieskovec railroad line. It is 302 meters above sea level and has a humus foundation.
3. The northern boundary of the airfield is the Zvolen-Lieskovec road. Behind this road, the ground rises to a hill called Bakova Jama. The ground behind the road is covered with woods. In the northeast, the boundary is a woods extending to the railroad track. In the south, the boundary is the Zvolen-Lieskovec railroad track, with a country road along its northern side. The western boundary is formed by the brook called the Zlaty Potok. The field is surrounded by a wire fence about 2.5 meters high, with concrete fenceposts.
4. The field is approximately 1,500 meters long and, in the western part, some 700 meters wide. It narrows toward the east, however.
5. There is a concrete runway running east-west, some 50 meters from the railroad tracks. It is about 1,500 meters long and 30 meters wide. At the western end, the runway projects northward into an apron which is some 500 or 700 meters wide and runs north as far as the road.
6. The hangar lies in the western part of the airfield, near the road and 80 or 100 meters from the apron. It is 50 meters long.
7. A two-story building was built in the eastern part of the field on the very border of the wood. It is approximately 20 meters long.

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8. Construction work has been in progress on the entire eastern part of the field. Some 20 or 30 soldiers, probably members of an auxiliary technical battalion (PTP), were engaged in building with concrete on a construction site approximately 70 by 100 meters in size. The purpose of this construction project is unknown to source.
9. The field has had two MiG-15 aircraft since September 1952. They are kept in the hangar. This airfield is used exclusively by military jets, while the Tri Duby field is being used by military training aircraft and the planes of the Czechoslovak Airlines.
10. Access to the field is by means of a well maintained country road which runs along the railroad line.
11. The field is guarded by a patrol of three members of the Air Force. They are armed with sub-machine guns.
12. Current is supplied to the airfield by the Zvolen power station.

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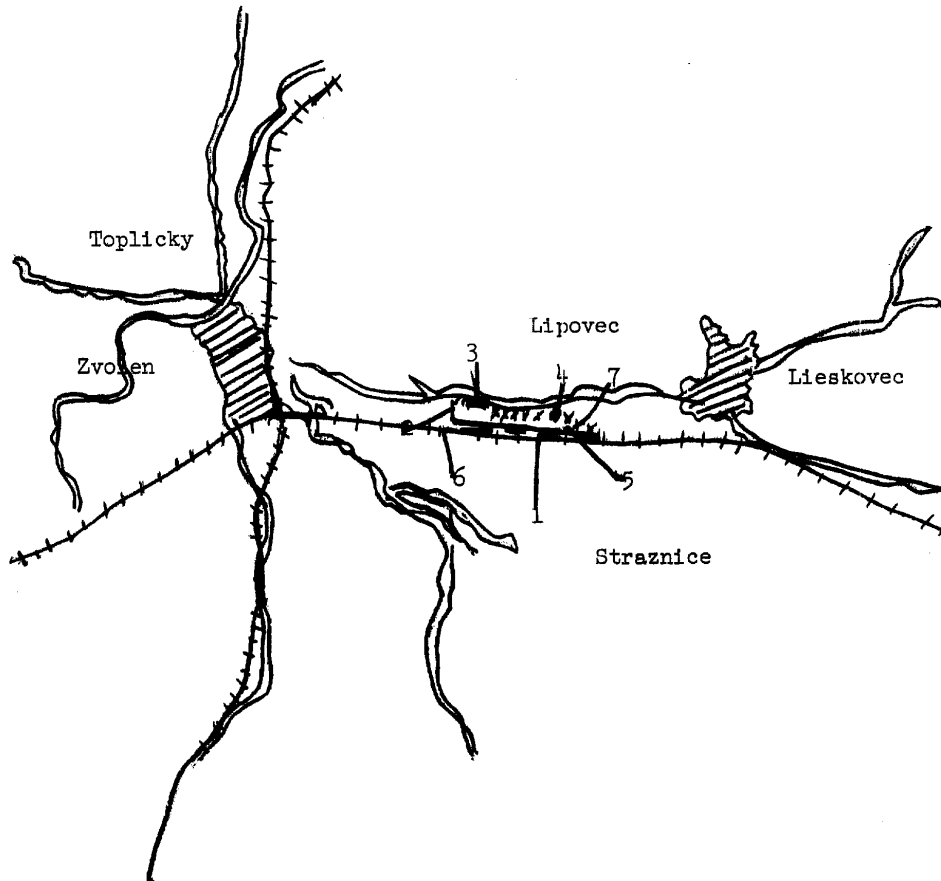
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Legend:

1. Runway.
2. Concrete apron.
3. Hangar.
4. Administration building.
5. Building site.
6. Connecting road.
7. Wire fence.

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